

JAPAN'S EMPRESS



The Empress Sadako, first lady of the Nippon Empire, is one of Japan's most beautiful women, and as daughter of Prince Kujo, comes of ultra-blue blooded Nippon lineage. She presides over the imperial household in Tokyo with a gracious dignity that has made her the idol of her people, and has the distinction of sharing her royal husband's attentions with no ladies-in-waiting, as was heretofore the custom with Japanese rulers. She is the mother of three sons, and is 30 years old.

THE IMPALED SAUSAGES

London.—The youths of England and France who parade the streets of London in the evening are now headed by boys bearing aloft German sausages impaled on swords.

AMERICAN BOY WRITES HOME FROM PARIS ABOUT WAR

A letter from near Paris, written Aug. 3, was received yesterday by Mrs. J. P. Steichen, 4646 N. Hermitage avenue. Her son, Edouard Steichen, is an art photographer and painter with studio at Voulangis, Cergy en Brie. He writes:

"France is ready: It is wonderful to see the preparation that has been going on here since the mobilization and one can only marvel at the perfect organization of it all into the very smallest details.

"The men are leaving for the frontier calm, determined and without any demonstration. One would think they are simply going to the fields to work. But, oh, the poor women and children. They are just as brave. But you can see the suffering in their faces and the agony in their hearts.

"The assassination of Juarez was a terrible event and was done by a man who was a simpleton or a maniac. The Socialists at once issued a manifesto asking the Socialists not to take this up as a political action, but all to stand by the government as one man. Up to the last moment I am sure the French government hoped that Germany would see into the situation and not place herself in the wrong before the whole world by violating the neutrality of Luxemburg.

"There is plenty of excitement here every day. We get very little reliable news. Only once in a while some one gets a newspaper. Railroads are all being used exclusively for military purposes. One of our horses joins the army today.

"If it gets dangerous to be here, Uncle Sam through the U. S. ambassador in Paris will take care of us and send us to America in a warship. This is not a moment to think of individual difficulty. We must bow down before the suffering of all humankind. Humanity will be rebuilt. The war is a symptom and a method, a terrible one."